

**Amendments to the Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A composition to be used in a process for electroplating surfaces with tin, said composition comprising the following components (g/l):

- Tin [[()]] in a form of tin sulfamate [()] 50-90
- Sulfamic acid, free 40-100
- Sulfates, in a form of  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$  0-15
- Nitrogen-bearing block copolymer

of propylene oxide and ethylene oxide 1-6

said copolymer having a molecular weight of 3950 to 6450 and [[“]] number of ethylene oxide links-to-number of propylene oxide links [”]] ratio of 1.4-1.2:1.0, at initial buildup of required number of links from propylene oxide followed by oxyethylation, the composition having a pH of 0.6 to 1.1.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) Method for electrotinning a surface in form of a steel strip or plate, the method comprising:

electrolytically coating the surface in the presence of the wherein a  
tinning composition according to claim 1 claims 1 or 2 is used.

4. (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 3 performed in continuous electrotinning lines with the steel strip conveying at a speed of 2 to 11 m/s.

5. (Original) Method according to claim 3 performed at temperatures of 20 to 70°C.

6. (Original) Method according to claim 3 performed at current densities of 5 to 70 A/dm<sup>2</sup>.

7. (Original) Method according to claim 3 in which the strip or plate is subjected to a pretreatment of degreasing and pickling.

8. (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 3 in which the strip or plate plated is subjected to a post-treatment of reflowing, passivation and oiling of a tin coating.

9. (Canceled)